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METHOD OF PRODUCING ONE SUCH SHELL

RESPONSE "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 2008, a response being due by January 15, 2009, please enter the amendments provided herein and consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Official Action, election was required between the various patentably distinct species of the present invention. In particular, election was required between the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-2 drawn to a muffler or catalyst; and Group II, Claim 3 drawn to a method. Additionally, it was required to identify those claims which were readable on the elected species.

Applicant herein elects Group I. Claims 1 - 2 are readable on this elected species. Applicant reserves the right to take such other measures as may be appropriate so as to protect the subject matter of the non-elected invention.

Applicant further notes that reference numerals for the claimed limitations have been presented in the Preliminary Amendment of 14 March 2005. The reference numerals are also presented in the original set of claims, as a result of the European format of the original claims. The Examiner may consult those materials to identify the reference numerals and elements in the claims and drawings.

Applicant respectfully contends that an Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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